

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The amendments to the claims listed below are made for the purpose of correcting minor grammatical errors, and are not meant to limit the claims in any way. The application has been amended as follows:

- a. In claim 10, line 3, change "pixel in the image of are not performed" to "pixel in the image are not performed".
- b. In claim 24, line 3, change "determine of edge energy for each pixel in the image" to "determine edge energy for each pixel in the image".
- c. In claim 24, line 4, change "compare of the edge energy for each pixel to a threshold" to "compare the edge energy for each pixel to a threshold".
- d. In claim 24, line 7, change "use of a distance transform to produce a filter map;" to "use a distance transform to produce a filter map;".
- e. In claim 24, line 8, change "apply of a filter to each pixel in the image" to "apply a filter to each pixel in the image".
- f. In claim 24, line 10, change "produce of an output value for each pixel in the image" to "produce an output value for each pixel in the image".